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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. AGNEW, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GORDON STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill, Gordon & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. DAVIS HENDY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, W.M. WILLIS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C. ROBERT WATSON, 153, Fleet Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMEDEE PRINCE, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—J. STEWART HAPKE, THE CHINESE EVANGELIST OFFICE, 52, West 22nd Street.

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AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

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BETLES.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,60,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—H. L. PATRIMONY, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—J. S. MOSES, Esq.
T. E. DAVIES, Esq.
W. H. FORBES, Esq.
H. HOFFMUS, Esq.
Hon. J. J. KESWICK, L. POESENBERG, Esq.
ALEX. McCANNACHE, Esq.
D. R. SASSON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER,
Hongkong.—T. JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER,
Shanghai,...JOHN WALTER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.
On Fixed Deposits
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 5 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 6 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 13, 1890. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-day, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, communication with the Under-signer is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1455

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$2,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$1,250,000

Board of Directors:

HON. J. J. KESWICK, CHAIRMAN, Managing Director.
HON. C. P. CHATER, Vice-Chairman.

LEE SING FO, S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.
G. E. NOBLE, Esq.
POON PONG, Esq.
D. R. SASSON, Esq.

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R. B. MOVED.
TO
D'AGUILAR STREET,
behind HONGKONG CITY.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Hongkong, January 18, 1890. 129

Intimations.

BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

This Association is formed for:—

I.—The purpose of countering influences that are, and for a very long time have been, acting against the Interests of Officers of the British Merchant Marine.

II.—To watch over and guard the Interests of its Members.

III.—To maintain the proper dignity of the Profession.

N.B.—PUBLIC MEETINGS of this Association will be held at 3.30 p.m. EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY, at No. 2, HIGH STREET—the temporary quarters—until further notice.

All Masters and Officers are cordially invited to join.

By direction of the Committee.

Hongkong, June 2, 1890. 1004

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE KWON KWAN YIEN CHALLENGE-CUPS.—Value \$200 and \$100 respectively. Also TWO CONSOLIDATION CUPS, value \$100 each.

The 2nd Stage of the TOWER COMPETITION will take place on SATURDAY NEXT, the 7th Instant, at 4 p.m. This Closes the Competition for these Cups, and other arrangements will be made to continue the weekly practice.

C. VIVIAN LADDS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, June 2, 1890. 1002

NOTICE OF CALL.

THE BORNEO HOTEL AND STORES COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIRST CALL of TEN DOLLARS per Share in this Company is payable at the Office of the CHINA BORNEO CO., Limited, Sandakan or Hongkong, on the 15th day of June, 1890, after which date INTEREST of 12% per Annum will be charged.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

CECIL FABRIS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, May 29, 1890. 983

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been Received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from South Shore Battery, Stone-Cutter Island, from the 2nd to 16th PROXIMO, between the hours of 6.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. daily (SUNDAYS excepted).

The Line of Fire will be in a South-Westly direction from the Battery.

All SHIPS, JUNKS and other VESSELS are CAUTIONED to keep clear of the Range.

By Command,
W. M. DEANE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 29th May, 1890. 984

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE PRAYA RECOLAMATION WORKS having been commenced.

MASTERS OF VESSELS, LAUNCHES, JUNKS and other CRAFT, are informed that the line of the Praya Wall where commenced is marked by timber piles, and if they approach the line of the New Works, or pass within it, they must do so with caution and at their own risk and peril.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and SICTURE ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

MESSRS. DORABEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHIE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Fourth Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Queen's Road Central, on the 16th of JUNE, 1890, at 4 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 30th September, 1889.

The Transfer BOOKS will be closed from the 3rd to 16th June, both days inclusive.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, May 29, 1890. 981

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IT is hereby notified that a CALL of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5) per Share, is PAYABLE to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION or before the 7th day of June next.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, May 31, 1890. 1001

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are

respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's CREWMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

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Intimations.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., WINE MERCHANTS.

SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ALE & STOUT MERCHANTS.

HONGKONG, 15, Queen's Road.

SHANGHAI, 7, Fochow Road.

LONDON, 101, Leadenhall Street,

Hongkong, May 29, 1890. 979

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist.

(FORMERLY APPRENTICE AND
LASTLY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROGERS.)

At the urgent request of his European

and American patients and friends,

has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occu-

pied by Dr. ROGERS.

Now has

R. B. MOVED.

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A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 20, 1890. 700

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR TAKÓW (DIRECT)

The Steamship

Kiau,

Capt. KROTHFELD, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 6th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, June 3, 1890. 1011

FOR KOBE.

The Steamship

Ricard,

Captain MOONEY, will be despatched on the 8th instant.

For Freight, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1890. 1012

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW,
CHWING, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTZE.)The Co.'s Steamship
Tidman,
Captain JACKSON, will be
despatched as above on
MONDAY, the 9th instant.For Freight or Passage, apply to,
BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,

Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1890. 1010

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship
Stratford,
Capt. BURKE, will be
despatched as above on
the 11th instant.

For Freight, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1890. 1013

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK.
The Steamship
Monmouthshire,
Captain CUMING, will be
despatched as above on
or about the 16th instant.For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1890. 1014

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.THE U. S. Mail Steamship CHINA
will be despatched for San Francisco,
via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 26th
June, at 1 p.m., taking Passengers and
Freight for Japan, the United States, and
Europe.Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demarara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:-

To San Francisco ... \$225.00

To San Francisco and return, } 393.75
available for 6 months ...)

To Liverpool ... 325.00

To London ... 330.00

To other European points at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service
and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be
obtained on application.Passengers by the Line have the option
of proceeding overland by the Southern
Pacific connecting Lines, Central Pacific
or Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific
Railways.Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco for China or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be
allowed a discount of 10 %. This allowance
does not apply to through fares from China
and Japan to Europe.Freight will be received on board until 4
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcels
will be accepted at the office until
5 p.m. same day; all Parcels should be
marked to address in full; value
of same is required.Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points beyond San Francisco,
in the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes,
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San
Francisco.For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, June 3, 1890. 1015

DAKIN BROTHERS OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
CHEMISTS.AERATED WATERS.
Our Plant comprises the latest improve-
ments, and is one of the most complete
and efficient ever shipped from Eng-
land.The Purity of the water is certified by
analysis.The construction of the machinery and
system of manufacture in force ensures
cleanliness and absence of all contamination
in the finished waters.The quality of the Soda Water is equal
to that of the best English makers.The Flavour of the syruped water is
equal to any produced in England or
abroad.DAKIN'S AERATED
BARSAPARILLA.Our make of this popular beverage is not
merely a flavoured water, but is prepared
with an extract of Sarsaparilla root man-
ufactured in our own laboratory.

Price, 50 cents per dozen.

TELEPHONE NO. 62

NO. 23 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD
CENTRAL.

Business Notices.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LTD.
(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COY., LTD.)

(—)

HAVE JUST RECEIVED ANOTHER LARGE STOCK

OF
New Hats:

Boys' SAILOR HATS, Newest Styles.

Girls' SAILOR HATS, INFANTS' WASHING HATS.

LADIES' STRAW HATS & BONNETS, made up in any Style on the Shortest Notice.

PARIS MILLINERY, in great variety.

Also, a Large Assortment of LADIES' BATHING DRESSES, BATHING CAPS,

BATH GOWNS, ETC., ETC.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LTD.
(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COY., LTD.)

MEMOS. FOR TUE. MORROW.

Shipping.

11 a.m. - *Hai-tung* leaves for Coast Forts.2 p.m. - *Priya* leaves for Yokohama, &c.4 p.m. - German Mail leaves for Bremen
and Ports of Call.

Miscellaneous.

6.30 a.m. - Artillery Practice.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

BY APPOINTMENT.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.
(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)
HONGKONG.WE invite attention to the following old
Wanded Brandy, all of which are ex-
cellent quality and good value for the money.The same being specially selected by our
London House, and bought direct from the
most noted Shippers, are imported in wood
and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us
to supply the best growths at moderate
prices.In ordering it is necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or
Spirits wanted, and initial letter for quality
desired.Orders through Local Post or by Tele-
gram receive prompt attention.

PORTS. (Forwards and general use.)

Per doz.

A Alto Deoro, good quality, Green Capsule. \$10 \$1.00

B Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule. 12 1.10

C Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule. 14 1.25

D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior Violet Capsule. (Old Bottled). 18 1.50

SHERRIES.

A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule. 6 0.00

B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule. 7.50 0.75

C Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule. 10 1.00

D Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule. 10 1.00

E Very Superior Old Pale Wine, White Seal Capsule. 12 1.10

F Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very fine quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled). 14 1.25

Per Case. Per doz. 1 doz. 2 doz. Quarts. Pints.

OLARETS.

A Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule. \$4 \$1.50

B St. Estephe, Red Capsule. 4.50 5.00

C St. Julien. 7 7.50

D La Rose. 11 12.00

Per doz. Case. Per doz.

BRANDY.

A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule. \$12 \$1.10

B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule. 14 1.25

C Very Old Liquore Cognac, Red Capsule. 18 1.50

D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liquore Cognac. 1872 2.00

Vintage, Red Capsule. 24 2.00

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule. 8 0.75

Watson's Glenorchy Melton Blend, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark. 8 0.75

D Watson's H. K. D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule. 8 0.75

The M. M. C. s. steamship *Natal*, with the French mail of May 2nd, left Saigon on Sunday, June 1st, at midnight, and may be expected here on or about the 13th June.The Canadian Pacific s. s. *Betisva*, from Vancouver, &c., leaves Yokohama for Hongkong direct on the 4th June.The Canadian Pacific s. s. *Abysinia* left London for Japan and this port on May 30.The *Arratoon Apur*, with mails, &c., from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 1st June, and may be expected here on or about the 16th June.The O. S. S. Co.'s s. s. *Tidman*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on the 2nd June, and may be expected here on or about the 8th June.The P. & O. Co.'s steamship *Nizam* left Singapore for this port on the 2nd June, and may be expected here on or about the 8th June.The P. & O. & s. s. *Shanghaï* left London for Bombay and this port on the 6th May, at 5 p.m.

Dr. Doberck writes to-day:—"There appears to be a typhoon in the Pacific to the East of Luzon."

The German cruiser *Leipzig*, carrying the flag of Rear-Admiral Valois, arrived here to-day from Shanghai. The usual salutes were exchanged.THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE P. & O. S. N. CO. informs us that the s. s. *Nizam* left Singapore for this port on the 2nd inst., at 5 p.m.

IRISH WHISKY.

A John Jameson's Old Green Capsule. 8 0.75

B John Jameson's Fine Old Green Capsule. 10 1.00

C John Jameson's Very Fine Old Green Capsule. 12 1.10

D Watson's Old Liquore, Gold Capsule. 12 1.10

E Watson's Very Old Liquore Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule. 12 1.10

MESSRS ADAMSON, BELL & CO. inform us that the Canadian Pacific Steamship *Batawa* arrived at Yokohama yesterday, and leaves to-morrow for Hongkong direct.THE S. S. *Eduard* arrived at San Francisco on Saturday, 20th ult., having sailed from this port April 29th, and from Yokohama May 10th.

A HAWKER named Chan Sam, who was charged at the instance of Pol. Sergeant Harkin with bringing two Amakusa girls into the colony for an immoral purpose, was to-day sentenced by Mr. Robinson to one year's hard labour.

PENG CHEOK, an old offender, was charged

on remand before Mr. Wodehouse in the Police Court to-day, with being found in a house in Queen's Road with intent to commit a felony.

Mr. Phillips appeared for the prosecution.

From the evidence it appeared that an attempt had been made, presumably by the prisoner, to break open a desk in Mr. Phillips's office, which he had entered into the room.

It was shown that the prisoner had

been engaged in a plot having for its object

the influence of the Chinese Government.

The Chinese Government had been

alarmed by the conduct of the Chinese

Government, and had sent a note to the

Chinese Consul.

The Chinese Consul had

written to the Chinese Government

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THE CHINA MAIL.

THE following advertisement from the *Hongkong News* offers a chance which Liung-kong would doubtless have eagerly jumped at a year ago. The advertiser, it will be seen, modestly puts the possible profits at over 300 per cent. per annum.—Wanted, 1,500,000 yen to be invested in business connected with the production of Tin, Dried Bonito, Claude Camphor, and Lac Thread. The advertiser has had several years' experience in all the processes connected with the production of the above, estimates the possible profits at 4,027,302 yen, or 22.5 per cent. per annum. For further particulars address Ushitaro Nomiyama, No. 302 Shinnomono Nakamachi, Kyoto, May 22, 1890.—N.C. Daily News.

The *Fukien* correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News* writes:—The weather on the 17th and 18th was unusually hot for the season. A small storm of unusual severity started on the latter day, which was followed on the succeeding one by thunder and rain. The wheat crop looks rather bad. Another electric light has been ordered this time for Wanshangfu, also through Mr Kierell, one of our stockkeepers. We are sorry to report that a grave accident occurred to the Spanish *Chargé d'Affaires* on his way up the river. He had gone to Tianjin to escort the Spanish Consul-General and lady, who are now here on a visit. Mr Urbarri, it is said, fell between two boats and has ruptured some internal organ. We hope to hear soon of his recovery. Mademoiselle Verhaeghe has been seriously indisposed for several months and we do not yet hear of much improvement having been made.

Now that the Peking suburb of Tientsin has greatly silted up steamers have to lead and discharge at the Nine Forts; and of this spot there is an organized gang of thieves who board the steamers and steal all they can, the coolies employed discharging and loading the cargoes looking on without making any attempt to stop the depredations. The thieves rob the ice chests and most safes of the food in them, and steal tarpaulins, chairs, and anything movable which they can lay hands on. Only recently, emboldened by past successes, they actually took a bale of piece goods, dropping it out of a steamer's port in the water where a boat was waiting to tow it away. The second officer of the steamer, hearing the splash, went to see what was the matter, and then jumped into the water after the boat. Although the current was strong, he succeeded in capturing the property and the thieves made off, but the officer nearly lost his life, his clothes so encumbering him that it was difficult for him to swim. He called out for assistance, and was fortunately heard, and a boat being sent, he was taken on board, as was also the bale of piece goods.—*N.-C. Daily News*.

The Newchwang correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News* writes on the 23rd May:—We hear that a large fire took place at Kirm a few days ago, and that about 2,000 native families have been made homeless. There are no particular signs as how the calamity occurred. The engineers (Messrs Kimber and Cox) who left for the n-r. side, Moudon, Kirin, etc., are, we believe, making preliminary investigation regarding the prospect of a railway between this port and the northern boundaries of Manchuria, but it will be difficult to ascertain whether the reports are favourable or not. There can be no doubt as to the necessity for communication by rail between the fortified localities, such as Port Arthur, Kirin, etc., and the base of operations. The chances are therefore that the Chinese Government are quite alive to the possible emergencies should disputes arise with other powers. A slight fall of rain yesterday cooled the air and raised the spirits of the growers, but there was only enough to lay the dust and the dry soil is for much more. Meanwhile produce has gone up, and ship-pars fear that the demand in the south will be over.

This Government mud dredger, says the *Nagasaki Express*, made a very lucky haul off Deshima on Wednesday last, bringing up a box of specie which is supposed to have been lying buried in the mud at the bottom of the bay—over twenty years. The box was dropped unnoticed into one of the ports used for the removal of cargo from the dredging. Kishima Bay, where being reclaimed, and it was discovered during the process of discharging. It is reported that \$1,600 (Mexican) were found that day, and some \$200 were picked up the following day, after the mud had dried. It is a well-known fact amongst all the old residents, that just about twenty years ago, as some cases of Mexican dollars were being shipped by the Netherlands Trading Society on board one of their steamers (either the *Felding* or the *Oskar*, both of which were then plying between this port and Shanghai under the British flag) one case, said to contain some \$2,000, accidentally dropped overboard, in the vicinity of where the dredging operations are now going on. Every endeavour was made to recover it, with the aid of the Dockyard diving bell, but without success. The recovered treasure was at once handed over to the police authorities, who will retain the custody of it until it is claimed.

A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE OPIUM FARMER'S OFFICERS.

Mr. Robinson, in the Police Court this afternoon, re-opened a case in which a Chinese merchant named Wong Tin Po was arrested on a warrant charging him with being in possession of opium without a valid certificate. The charge was afterwards withdrawn, and Wong Tin Po now asked his Worship to award him damages for being subjected to a frivolous and vexatious prosecution. Mr. Wilkinson appeared on behalf of Wong Tin Po, and Mr. Messrs represented the Opium farmer.

Mr. Messrs said the circumstances under which the case now came before his Worship were as follows. An informer named Chon Chung and another informed Cheung Fat Chong each had an information on which a warrant was issued directing a constable to go and search a certain house for prepared opium, to take possession of any unauthorised opium and to put into custody any person in possession of such opium. The constable accompanied by two men went to the house of Mr. Wong Tin Po, and the two informers having a doubt about the man's assiduity for the opium farmer's tender who found that it was opium farmer's opium. Accordingly the constable officers said they were not prepared to bring a charge against the man but the prosecutor declined to dismiss the case as the man had been arrested on a warrant. Of course then the case came before the court instructions were given to withdraw

the charge, so that it never really came before his Worship. It now appears that Wong Tin Po claimed damages against the constable and the excise officers or the constable, it was difficult to say. The constable empowered the constable to seize any unauthorized opium or unauthorized person, but none was found.

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